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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: NFIP Overview for Senate Appropriations
Likely Areas of Questioning

1. The staff of the Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee is working on a list of questions for Senators to raise at the NFIP Overview hearing on Thursday, 29 April 1982 (0900 Hrs, S-407). This morning [REDACTED] of Legislative Liaison Division and the undersigned met with Fred Rhodes and Susan Shekmar of SAC to go over the hearing preparations and to elicit indications of questions likely to be asked. The following are areas in which staff showed particular interest:

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- e. The proposed classification of the IC Staff budget; and,
- f. The organization of CJBs in Targets/Topics format.

2. Another issue of importance to Subcommittee Chairman Ted Stevens is the classification of intelligence information on the Soviet threat. You will recall that in February of this year, after hearing a DIA threat briefing, Senator Stevens stated publicly that he believed more intelligence information should be declassified so that the American people would recognize the Soviet threat and thus be more supportive of increased defense budgets, and he proposed to hold open hearings on this issue. Working with staff, were able to convince him that open hearings are not an appropriate forum for discussion of classified information, but he reserved the topic for the NFIP Overview session and can be expected to raise it on Thursday.

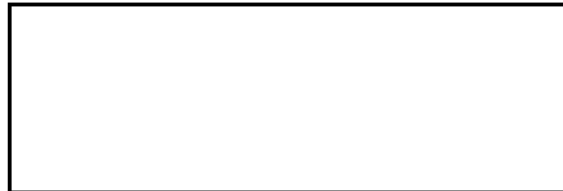
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3. The SAC staffers were most interested in the appointment of Mr. McMahon to be DDCI, and urged several times that he be invited to the hearing and there introduced to Senator Stevens and the Subcommittee members. They pointed out that Senator Stevens has a strong idiosyncratic dislike of the "courtesy call", and that Thursday's hearing would be an ideal time to effect a "working introduction" which could, of course, be followed by later calls on the more traditional Senators.



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